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SUMMARY: MARTIN (US) MET WITH GARCIA ROBLES (MEXICO) TO REVIEW STATE OF PLAY ON SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, INCLUDING COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS (PNES), MILITARY EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS (MEL), NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES (NWFZS), THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR A REVIEW OF THE UN'S ROLE IN DISARMAMENT, AND SALT DOCUMENTATION. END SUMMARY.

1. CTB. GARCIA ROBLES SAID MEXICO HAD NOT YET OFFICIALLY AGREED TO REVISED AUSTRALIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF A). (DELOFF LEARNED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT MEXICO IS AWAITING CONCLUSION OF EFFORTS TO MEET INDIAN OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT.) MARTIN NOTED THAT, SAIDE FROM OBVIOUS PROBLEMS DRAFT POSES
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FOR US., INCLUDING CONDEMNATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TEXTS, WE

WERE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY ITS FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE NOT ONLY THE VERIFICATION ISSUE BUT ALSO THE QUESTION OF PNES IN A CTB. MARTIN INDICATED CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN TO VOTING AGAINST CTB RESOLUTION THAT DID NOT IN SOME MANNER RECOGNIZE THESE PROBLEMS.

2. PNES: GARCIA ROBLES CONFIRMED THAT MEXICO WOULD FORMALLY PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE DUTCH PNE RESOLUTION (REF B). HE DID NOT SPECIFY AMENDMENTS, BUT DELEGATION UNDERSTANDS AIM WILL BE TO HAVE RESOLUTION DEPLORE ALLEGED FAILURE OF US AND USSR TO REPORT TO NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE ON STEPS TAKEN TO ESTABLISH PNE SERVICES ENVISAGED IN NPT ARTICLE V.

3. MEL: GARCIA ROBLES SAID HE WAS WORKING WITH THORSSON (SWEDEN) TO DEVELOP "MODEST" RESOLUTION ON MEL THAT WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE A CONTINUATION OF THE 1974 EXPERTS' STUDY OF THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE RESOLUTION "WILL BE TO YOUR LIKING." MARTIN EMPHASIZED STRONG US INTEREST IN SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT ALONG LINES OF US CCD PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED HOPE ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION AVOIDING CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WOULD BE DEVELOPED.

4. NWFZS: GARCIA ROBLES REPORTED THAT MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION "DECLARING" DEFINITION OF NWFZS AND PRINCIPAL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATE OBLIGATIONS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT FOR FORMAL CIRCULATION (SEPTTEL). MARTIN MADE CLEAR THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE US, BOTH ON SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS AND BECAUSE OF ITS ESSENTIAL PRESUMPTION THAT UNGA CAN IMPOSE LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATIONS ON STATES. GARCIA ROBLES ASSERTED THAT RESOLUTION WOULD SET CONDITIONS THAT DID NOT GO BEYOND THOSE OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, WHICH US HAD ACCEPTED. MARTIN POINTED THAT US SUPPORT FOR TLATELOLCO REFLECTED CIRCUMSTANCES OF A SINGLE, SPECIFIC ZONE AND US COULD NOT AGREE TO GENERALIZED DEFINITION OR SPECIFICATION OF REQUIRED NWS OBLIGATIONS. HE SAID HE BELIEVED US WOULD VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION RATHER THAN

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5. SWEDISH REVIEW PROPOSAL: MARTIN REVIEWED DIFFICULTIES US HAD WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF OPEN-ENDED AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH BROAD MANDATE TO REVIEW ROLE OF UN IN DISARMAMENT, NOTING INDICATIONS THAT US RESERVATIONS WERE SHARED BY A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING SOME NON-ALIGNED. GARCIA

ROBLES RECALLED HIS FIRST COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT, SAYING MEXICO BELIEVED PROPOSED REVIEW SHOULD BE MUCH MORE MODEST. MEXICO'S ONLY INTEREST WOULD BE IN STRENGTHENING OF SECRETARIAT DISARMAMENT DIVISION AND IMPROVED PROCEDURES FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION RELATED TO DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING PERHAPS PUBLICATION OF A "QUARTERLY REVIEW" OF DISARMAMENT. HE INDICATED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT MEXICO WOULD GO ALONG WITH MORE AMBITIOUS SWEDISH PROPOSAL.

6. SALT DOCUMENTS: MARTIN SAID THAT US AND USSR WOULD CIRCULATE SHORTLY AS UNGA DOCUMENTS THE TEXT OF THE JOINT SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE OF NOVEMBER 24, 1974, RELATED TO SALT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DOCUMENT WOULD NOT CONTAIN THE NUMERICAL FIGURES AGREED UPON. GARCIA ROBLES INDICATED THAT HE WOULD SUBMIT THESE FIGURES IN A DOCUMENT FOLLOWING CIRCULATION OF THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT MEXICO WOULD PROPOSE A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SALT ALONG LINES OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED LAST YEAR.
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